



OPPORTUNITY AND VISION

IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE...

If it can't be done, California does it.

We conquer the challenges others declare too hard, too big and too expensive and, in the process, create engineering marvels and icons for the world.

The naysayers called it "the bridge that couldn't be built." After four years, 80,000 miles of steel cable and enough concrete to pave a sidewalk from New York to San Francisco, the Golden Gate spanned San Francisco Bay.

California opened its first modern freeway 70 years ago - all eight miles of it - and grew it into a highway and freeway system that now stretches 50,000 miles.

No state has ever built 34 dams and reservoirs, 20 pumping plants and five power plants linked by more than 700 miles of canals and pipelines. In California, it's called the State Water Project, and it provides clean, fresh drinking water to more than 24 million residents.

Just 20 years after the Gold Rush, the University of California started with 10 professors and 38 students. Today, it's one of the world's leading centers of academic achievement and research, serving 250,000 students on 10 campuses and operating five medical centers and three national laboratories.

...AND WE'LL PROVE WE CAN DO IT AGAIN

Now, California is poised to again lead the nation by building the country's first high-speed rail line.

Reaching across 800 miles, high-speed trains will carry Californians and visitors from around the world from Los Angeles through the Central Valley to San Francisco at more than 200 miles an hour - safer, cleaner and more efficiently than flying or driving - creating jobs and new opportunity all along the way.

We'll build it here not because it will be easy or without risks - those will always be part of the bargain.

We'll build it in California because it's our legacy to the future of our state - our Golden Gate, our highway system for the next century.

We'll build it in California because that's who we are.

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